



# Sahtu Land Use Planning Board

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Sahtu Stakeholders

## **Re: Sahtu Land Use Plan - Draft 1**

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board is pleased to present the first draft of the Sahtu Land Use Plan (available at <http://www.sahtulanduseplan.org/>). This is further to the preliminary draft plan released in 2003.

Draft 1 is the result of many meetings and workshops with communities, organizations, industry and government. Emphasis has been placed on providing direction on how Sahtu land is used for the benefit of Sahtu communities and all Canadians. We recognize that gaps and inconsistencies exist particularly in the Appendix and in some zone descriptions. We feel it is important to proceed and progress with the overall intent of the land use plan through stakeholder input.

Sahtu stakeholder views and contributions will contribute greatly in the development of Draft 2. We expect to complete and distribute a second and third draft before our Board adopts the Sahtu Land Use Plan pursuant to section 43(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*. A formalized consultation process, as required under the (*MVRMA*) will be conducted at the draft 3 stage.

We request your organization review Draft 1. If your industry or interest has an apprehension with a particular zone or condition, please briefly explain why and propose an alternative, recognizing we may not be able to accommodate your concern. If you feel a zone or condition is particularly important and should not change or if you propose additional zones or conditions, your rationale would provide valuable input.

We would appreciate your response by May 15<sup>th</sup> but will accept replies up to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Informational and editing inputs are most welcome. Reviews should be directed to Mr. John T'Seleie, Executive Director, Sahtu Land Use Planning Board - [jtseleie@sahtulanduseplan.org](mailto:jtseleie@sahtulanduseplan.org). For large files, please call in advance, Fort Good Hope is on dial-up.

Sincerely,

Judith Wright-Bird, Chair

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